

Amendment to the Specification:

Please add the following amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, at the beginning of the Specification please add the following paragraph.

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application serial No. 10/172,848, filed June 17, 2002.--.

Page 8, in the paragraph beginning on line 11 please amend as follows:

In Experiment 3 no “active volume” was created in the plasma. In Experiment 4 an “active volume” was created in the plasma by fluidizing the precursor with an oxidizing gas – oxygen- to form a heterogeneous precursor feed. A quench and dilution stream comprising of an oxidizing gas – oxygen - was injected just beyond the “active volume”[[in both experiments]] in example 4. In all other respects the two experiments were conducted under identical conditions.